

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Amended) A toner comprising low-silicon magnetites, wherein the low-silicon magnetites have a silicon content of less than 0.025 wt% based on the weight of the magnetite.

2. (Previously Cancelled)

3. (Previously Amended) The toner of claim 1, wherein the magnetites have a silicon content of less than 0.0025 wt% based on the weight of the magnetite.

4. (Previously Amended) The toner of claim 1, wherein the magnetites have a silicon content of less than 0.001 wt% based on the weight of the magnetite.

5. (Original) The toner of claim 1, wherein the magnetites have

a brightness L^* of from 50.0 to 60.00 CIELAB,

a color tinge a^* of -0.5 to 1.5 CIELAB,

a color tinge b^* of -3.0 to -7.0 CIELAB,

a sphericity of 0.80 to 1.0,

a coercive force of 30 to 70 oersted,

a particle size of 0.1 to 1.0 μm ,

a sulfur content of 0.05 to 1.1 wt%, determined as SO_3 ,

a manganese content of 0.05 to 0.5 wt%,

a content of water-soluble components of less than 0.2 wt% and a pH of 4.0 to 8.5.